

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): FOAMING AGENT FOR MANUFACTURING A FOAMED OR POROUS METAL

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- ☒ 10 pages of Specification/Claims 1-3/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-7; 6 sheet(s)) is/are attached.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 1 reference(s).
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2002-335622 filed November 19, 2002 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

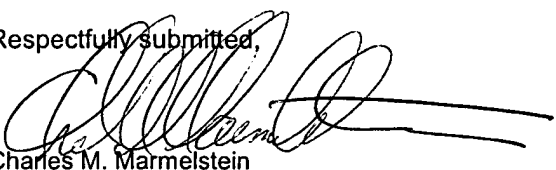
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